



North Carolina WIRELESS 911 BOARD

George Bakolia, Chair

Carolyn H. Carter, Vice Chair

February 21, 2005

Dear Finance Director,

This letter is to alert you to a change in the percentage to be used to allocate certain E911 expenses to Wireless 911 funds. Wireless 911 Board policies for PSAP shares of Wireless 911 funds (the "40 Percent Fund Policies") provide that a reasonable portion of the PSAP's total budget for allowable expenses may be paid from Wireless 911 funds for those expenditures that will enhance but are not required for compliance with Phase I or Phase II of wireless E911 service. The policy further provides that a reasonable portion is deemed to be the percentage of 911 calls which are wireless. The percentage is based on the North Carolina average. At the February 18, 2005 meeting of the North Carolina Wireless 911 Board, the allocator **beginning with the fiscal year 2005 -2006** was **increased to 50%.**

Thus, for those expenses that are shared between wireline and wireless E911 service, 50% of the total cost may be paid from the Wireless 911 fund. If the expenditure is required to comply with Phase I or Phase II of wireless E911 service, 100% of the cost may be allocated to wireless 911 funds.

- 2.2 *The Wireless 911 Board ("the Board") recognizes that the same hardware, software and database provisioning is used for both wire line and Wireless Enhanced 911 service. For those expenses that are solely incurred for a PSAP to receive and utilize the data elements necessary for wireless Phase I or Phase II compliance, 100% of the total cost may be allocated from a PSAP's wireless budget. For those expenses that will enhance but are not required to receive and utilize the data elements necessary for wireless Phase I or Phase II compliance, a reasonable portion of a PSAP's total budget for the lease, purchase or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment for Enhanced 911 systems may be allocated as a cost of providing Wireless Enhanced 911 service. The presumptive reasonable allocator of these expenses is an amount up to the national percentage of 911 calls that are made over wireless telecommunication systems. This number is published annually by the National Emergency Number Association and shall be noticed to eligible PSAPs by the Board. If any local government operating an eligible PSAP believes that the national number is not an appropriate allocator, it may follow the Board's procedures for clarification and exceptions.*

A complete copy of the Wireless 911 Board Fund Policies can be located on our web site at www.ncwireless911.org. Should you have any questions concerning this procedure or with any other aspect of Wireless E911, please feel free to contact me at 252-672-7580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RT", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Executive Director

Cc: Communications Director

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